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Administrative History:

Dr. Wesley B. Turner taught history for from 1967 to 1998 at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario. He is a prolific writer and some of his books include: *Life in Upper Canada*; *The War of 1812: The War for Canada*; *British Generals in the War of 1812: High Command in the Canadas*; *The War of 1812: The War that Both Sides Won*. He also wrote *The Astonishing General: The Life and Legacy of Sir Isaac Brock* which was the winner of the 2011 OHS Donald Grant Creighton Award. Dr. Turner has served on the boards of several historical societies as well as well as taking on the role of president of the Ontario Historical Society and the St. Catharines Historical Society. He also held the title of Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the St. Catharines Historical Museum.

Organization:

The records are arranged into 2 series.

Series I – Research Papers, 1799-2013, n.d. (non-inclusive)

Series II – Audio Visual Material, 2012, n.d.

Series I – Most items are photocopies. Items include, but are not limited to the listed topics. War of 1812 Articles are sorted alphabetically by name of authors.

- 1.1 1799, 1811, 1812: Included in this file is a copy from the *Annual Register* of 1799; the general return of the 49th Regiment; a description of the First Sackets Harbour Battle; staff officers in Canada to whom extra pay was granted; an excerpt from the *Kingston Gazette* for February 11, 1812; a history of the campaign upon the Niagara Frontier in 1813; an article on Detroit being taken; Ensign J. Smith; The Bisshopp Papers; The Stodgell Collection; a sermon on the death of Sir Isaac Brock; an excerpt from the *London Gazette* of Nov. 27, 1812; articles from the *Kingston Gazette* of Dec., 1812; information on Colonel William H. Winder; part of the *John Askin Papers* and an *Indiana Military History Journal*. Also included are memoirs of Jonathan Kearsley, 1799, 1811-1812, 1949, n.d.

- 1.2 War of 1812 Articles – A-B: Topics include: the family compact and the Welland Canal Company; Canadians on the upper Mississippi; his Majesty’s Indian allies; Oliver Hazard Perry; foreign regiments in the British Army; French Canadian participation in the War of 1812; the strategy of Brock that saved Upper Canada; propaganda in Upper Canada during the War of 1812; the United States and British Imperial expansion; the purchase system in the British Army; Tecumseh and Tenskwatawa; the origin of the road network in the Niagara Peninsula and the influence of the War of 1812 upon the Canadian West, n.d.
- 1.3 War of 1812 Articles – C-D: Customs collections and dutiable goods at Lake Ontario ports; the United States Army and the War of 1812; the War of 1812 along the Detroit frontier; the Battle of Lundy’s Lane; uniforms of the 19th Light Dragoons in Canada; John Beverly Robinson and trials for treason; lists of persons having landed property in Upper Canada and Commodore Isaac Chauncey and U.S. joint operations, n.d.
- 1.4 War of 1812 Articles – E-F: British views of Colonial Upper Canada; the Ojibwa-Iroquois War; the Kingston elite and the War of 1812; the case of Abraham Markle and military justice in the eighteenth century, n.d.
- 1.5 War of 1812 Articles – G: Napoleon as general; the beginnings of settlement in the Niagara Peninsula; the purchase of commissions; *Fortress Niagara Newsletter* containing an article about Joseph Willcocks; the use of martial law in Upper Canada; the Battle of Fort Erie; the Canadian Volunteers, 1813-1815; the attack on Sacket’s Harbour; Upper Canada’s black defenders; Short Hills and Sir Gordon Drummond, 2008, n.d.
- 1.6 War of 1812 Articles – H: What is military genius?; Battle of Plattsburg; Sir George Prevost’s conduct; the role of the Indian in the war; Matthew Elliott, wilderness trader; manifest, destiny and United States strategy in the War of 1812; British and Canadian

medals, badges and memorabilia and settlement patterns of the Niagara Frontier, n.d.

- 1.7 War of 1812 Articles – J, K: The Queen’s Rangers and Thayendanegea and Tecumseh, n.d.
- 1.8 War of 1812 Articles – L: the effect of antiquity on 18th Century French military literature and the Count de Guibert, n.d.
- 1.9 War of 1812 Articles – M, N: The Battle of Lake Erie; War on Lake Ontario; engagements between Chauncey and Yeo; significance of military rank in the British Army; Bathurst at the Colonial Office; the sinking of the Hamilton and Scourge and black defenders in Upper Canada, n.d.
- 1.10 War of 1812 Articles – P, R: The Royal Berkshire Regiment; military education and professionalism; attitudes and controls in the alienation of lands in Ontario during the first century of settlement and Wellington’s Army, n.d.
- 1.11 War of 1812 Articles – S: The house where Brock died; The Ojibwa of Southern Ontario; women in the War of 1812; navalist reinterpretation of the War of 1812; the Detroit-Lake Erie Campaign; the making and remaking of the Officer Corps; districts of Upper Canada; enlisted men in the United States Army; ships of the British Squadron; contribution of the Canadian Militia; the Lincoln Militia and Canadian volunteers and the burning of Old Niagara, n.d.
- 1.12 War of 1812 Articles – W: The industrial pattern of the Niagara Peninsula; generals and generalship; the Burlington Races; naval supremacy on Lake Ontario and Sir James Yeo, n.d.
- 1.13 1813: A *Fortress Niagara Newsletter* containing an article about the burning of Niagara; pages from the *Buffalo Evening News* covering December 30, 1813-January 1, 1814; correspondence between Dr. Turner and other researchers; copies of news articles regarding Sacket’s Harbour and British victories. Also included are observations of Captain Rufus McIntire, 1963, 1998, 2013, n.d.

- 1.14 1814: Duties of general officers; documents relating to the constitutional history of Canada; information on Francis, Baron de Rotterburg; correspondence between Dr. Turner and other researchers; journal of the attack made on Fort Erie by the Right Division of the British Army in Canada under General Drummond; the Battle at Bridewater and naval victory on Lake Champlain; the affair at Plattsburgh and the assault on Fort Erie, 1984, n.d.
- 1.15 1815-1816: Correspondence from John Claude to Dennis Claude; correspondence between Dr. Turner and other researchers and the journals of General Sir F. P. Robinson G.C.B, 1982, n.d.
- 1.16 The naming of Brockville, n.d.
- 1.17 *The Walcheren Expedition* of 1809 by Carl Andrew Christie, 1975
- 1.18 *The Story of Christian Warner including the Warner Church and the Warner Burying Ground* compiled by Robert Ironside Warner, with notes and additions by Mabel Warner Brown, 1924, 1977-1979

Series II – Audio Visual Material, 2012, n.d.

- 1.19 *Honouring Our Journey*, a DVD commemorating of the War of 1912 by the Niagara-on-the-Lake Bicentennial Committee and volunteers. Wes Turner is listed as one of the stars of this production, 2012
- 1.20 *Journal of a Staff Officer* – 1813. This is a microfilm, n.d.